

## Message Text

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ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CCO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00  
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FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8200

INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE

USINT BAGHDAD PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, CASC, EAIR, LE, KU, IZ

SUBJECT: MEA HIJACK TO KUWAIT: INCIDENT FINISHED

REF: KUWAIT 3085 AND PREVIOUS (NOTAL)

1. BRITISH EMBOFF PERSONALLY INTERVIEWED PASSENGERS  
DISEMBARKING FROM HIJACKED AIRCRAFT AND IS SATISFIED NO  
RPT NO AMCITS INVOLVED.
2. HIJACKER, IN KUWAIT POLICE CUSTODY, IS LEBANESE (ACCORDING  
TO POLICE) OR PALESTINIAN (ACCORDING TO SENIOR GOK ARMY  
SOURCE). KUWAIT PRESS GIVES HIS NAME AS NASSER  
MOHAMMED KHALED AND RADIO AS NASSER MOHAMMED BOU  
KHALED. HE IS A CRIPPLE CONFINED TO WHEELCHAIR AND IS  
DESCRIBED AS "VERY SICK MAN" WHO INTENDED TO BURN THE  
\$1.5 MILLION AS A PROTEST AGAINST RICH ARAB STATES.
3. KUWAITI AUTHORITIES ALLOWED SITUATION TO DRAG OUT  
AFTER AIRCRAFT LANDED BECAUSE THEY WERE RELUCTANT TO BELIEVE

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THAT ONE MAN IN WHEELCHAIR COULD HIJACK A PLANE. ONCE  
THEY DETERMINED HIJACKER HAD NO RPT NO ACCOMPLICES, AT  
0345 LOCAL TIME, TWO KUWAIT ARMED FORCES COMMANDOS  
ENTERED AIRCRAFT UNDER PRETEXT OF ACTIVATING AIR CONDITIONING  
SYSTEM AND APPREHENDED THE HIJACKER WHO WAS ARMED  
WITH A HAND GUN AND A GRENADE. HIJACKER FIRED TWO  
ROUNDS HARMLESSLY AND THREW THE GRENADE BUT NEGLECTED

TO PULL ITS PIN.

4. KUWAIT AIRPORT OFFICIAL TELLS US AIRCRAFT IS STILL UNDER  
INSPECTION TO ENSURE THAT TWO SHOTS FIRED HAVE NOT  
AFFECTED AIRWORTHINESS AND ADDS THAT INSTRUCTIONS ARE AWAITED  
FROM MEA BEIRUT. AS OF 0900 LOCAL TIME PASSENGERS HAVE BEEN  
PROCESSED THROUGH IMMIGRATION AND WILL BE PUT UP AT LOCAL  
HOTEL PENDING ONAGXS.  
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## Message Attributes

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